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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT, LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1120

Thursday, *the* $\frac{\textit{22nd March 1945}}{\textit{9th Meenam 1120}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir George Boag, K. C. I. E., C. S. I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. H. J. Walmesely, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar, C. Kunhan Nambudiripad, Joseph Pettah and Rao Sahib M. Nanu Menon were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SHADE TREES—PLANTING ON THE SIDE OF PUBLIC ROADS

344. Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken action to have shade trees planted along the sides of all public roads for the sake of the large mass of travelling public who cannot afford to go in buses or cars;

(*b*) if not, whether urgent orders will be issued in this behalf to avert the great hardship to the public especially in summer?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In view of the answer to question (*a*) this question does not arise.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Does this answer include the P. W. D. roads in charge of the Chief Engineer?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What action have the Government taken?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We have prepared a scheme and some plantings will be done even during this rainy season.

HONORARY VETERINARY SURGEONS—APPOINTMENT OF

345. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state the date on which Messrs. Paul Joseph and V. K. Madhava Menon were appointed as Honorary Veterinary Asst. Surgeons?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Mr. Paul Joseph on 4th November 1932. Mr. V. K. Madhava Menon on 27th February 1934.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, under the Civil List, at present who is senior?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Mr. V. K. Madhava Menon.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the seniority of Mr. Paul Joseph over Mr. V. K. Madhava Menon ought not to have been taken into consideration?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I don't follow the question, Sir.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* With your permission, Sir, I will explain.

Mr. President: No, Sir, this is not the time for explanations.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know how is it that in the Civil List Mr. Madhava Menon became senior?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Developmet):* Because Mr. Madhava Menon entered into permanent service before Mr. Paul Joseph.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the appointment order for the entertainment in service of both these Veterinary Assistant Sergeons was not issued on the same day in the same appointment order?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether under the Standing Orders the date of appointment in permanent service or an honorary appointment which is taken into consideration for deciding seniority?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : The date of permanent appointment.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Is there any special rule or has the Government taken up any policy that seniority in honorary service has to be taken into consideration?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: There is no such policy. There is the definite ruling in the Standing Orders that date of permanent appointment in the service has to be counted for promotion for fixing seniority.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ഓണററി വെറ്ററിനറി അസിസ്റ്റണ്ട് സർജ്ജൻ സായി രണ്ടുപേരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇവരെ രണ്ടുപേരേയും സ്ഥിരപ്പെടുത്തിയതു് ഒരു ദിവസംതന്നെയല്ലേ? അപ്പോൾ മാധവമേനോൻ എങ്ങിനെയാണു സീനിയറായതു് ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ : മാധവമേനോനെ സ്ഥിരപ്പെടുത്തിയ ഉടനെ ജോയിൻ ചെയ്തു. അതിന്റെ പിറ്റെ ദിവസമാണു പാൾ ജോസഫ് ജോയിൻ ചെയ്തതു്.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state whether Mr. Paul Joseph was appointed at Kunnamkulam when he was working as an Honorary Surgeon at Nemmara, and Mr. Madhava Menon was appointed at Trichur when he was doing honorary duty at Trichur itself ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: May be, I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : If it is so cannot the question of seniority again considered because it was on unavoidable condition that Mr. Paul Joseph was not able to join duty before Mr. Madhava Menon.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: If the Hon'ble Member wants to know whether that particular Veterinary Surgeon was at Nemmara, I want notice. What I definitely know is that orders appointing these two officers were issued on one and the same date, but that Mr. Madhava Menon joined duty in permanent service one or two days earlier and that according to the Standing Order he is definitely senior to Mr. Paul Joseph.

VETERINARY ASST. SURGEON V. K. MADHAVA MENON AND NEGLIGENCE DERELICTION OF DUTY—LOSS OF MONEY

346. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total amount of loss of money incurred by the Government as per special audit report due to the "Gross negligence and dereliction of duty" of the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon V. K. Madhava Menon as mentioned is the Government Order D5-15222/16, dated 4th December 1943;

(*b*) whether this amount has been realised by the Government from the then Superintendent?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(*a*) and (*b*) In the audit report no loss has been definitely traced exclusively to the neglect of this officer and the question of recovering any loss from the then Director of Agriculture on this account does not therefore arise.

Mr. C.V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: It is stated in the audit report no loss has been definitely traced exclusively to the neglect of this officer. May I know whether the officer or officers responsible for the loss of the Government money were made to make it good.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The Director of Agriculture and certain other officers were made to recoup the loss.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: In the answer it is stated that the question of recovering any loss from the Director did not arise.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The actual loss incurred was not found out by the audit. It could not be traced out; but there was negligence and he was punished for that.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : വല്ല സംഖ്യയും അഗ്രിക്കൾച്ചറൽ ഡയറക്ടരെക്കൊണ്ടു കെട്ടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ : ഉവ്വ്. മൂവായിരത്തോളം ഉറുപ്പിക കെട്ടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. മാധവമേനോൻ ചാർജ്ജെടുത്തതിനു ശേഷം ആഡ്യപത്രികളിൽ മരുന്നുകളുടേയും മറ്റും കണക്കുകൾ ശരിയായി വെച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ആ ഇനത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിലേക്കു എത്ര നഷ്ടമുണ്ടെന്നാണ് ചോദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ആവക കണക്കുകൾ കൺട്രോളർ ആപ്പീസ്സിൽനിന്നും ആഡിറ്റു ചെയ്തതിൽ കൃത്യമായി ഇത്ര സംഖ്യയുണ്ടാകണമെന്നു കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചു റിപ്പോർട്ടു ചെയ്തു. ആ സംഖ്യയിൽ കുറെ കുറവു കണ്ടതു ചില്ലറയായി ചിലക്കെല്ലാം കൊടുത്തിരുന്ന

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